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# NORWAY'S TRADE IN MACKEREL

Practically All the Fish Salt-  
ed Is Sent to the  
United States.

Practically all the Norwegian salt mackerel is exported to the United States. The past year 41,726 barrels were salted for export to America, a decrease of 6,794 barrels from 1912 (from Fiskets Gang, Norwegian fish- publication.) According to a monograph just published from a Swedish source, 43,000 barrels of North mackerel were landed in Norway in 1913, valued at \$523,940, an average price of over \$12 per barrel. Most of the mackerel was caught by Swedish fishermen, their share being 25,000 barrels, valued at \$306,860, against a catch of 18,000 barrels, valued at \$217,080, by the Norwegian fishermen. Christian- and, on the extreme south coast, is the center whence most of the Norwe- mackerel is exported.

The export of salted Norwegian mac- to the United States dates from out 1887. The excellent quality and elling, especially of the autumn fish, ade it much desired in America, and e prices obtained are said generally e have been satisfactory to both ex- porters and fishermen. The last four ive years, however, it is claimed, e have not been governed un- mpered by the economic law of sup- y and demand. It is pointed out, r instance, that in 1910, with a sup- y of 20,000 barrels less and a better ality than in 1908, the price per bar- l was 11 crowns (\$2.95) less than e latter year. The world's pro- uction of mackerel was about 191,000 arrels in 1910 and 211,000 barrels in 09. In 1911 the American impor- e, it is claimed—confined largely to o concerns—tried to corner the rket, with the result of a coup by orway's largest mackerel dealer, who ough up the Norwegian-Swedish mackerel at relatively high prices, se- uring himself practically a corner on e market, and the average price that ear was 42 crowns (\$11.25), compared e 27 crowns \$7.24) the previous year. Also in 1912 conditions were not very satisfactory. American importers alaiming that the fat, autumn Norwe- an mackerel did not always come up o specifications, and the prices to the shermen and exporters were not ufficiently remunerative. Due to a oor fat content in the mackerel, the orting may not have been up to the usual standard, which apparent de- ect has been called to the attention e exporters from several sources. A ovement is now on foot to make ompulsory a strict supervision in the orting of the four grades of Nor- wegian mackerel. The Norwegian- Swedish catch amounted to 68,000 bar- els in 1912, which 48,520 barrels ere landed in Norway and salted for export to America.

In 1911 it was proposed by the lar- est Norwegian mackerel dealer that Norway and Sweden cooperate in ef-

fecting a common sales organization which might combat the bear move- ment attributed to American impor- ters, but the proposal was not realized. It is now proposed on the part of Sweden to better organize its mackerel export trade. According to this plan, the present product of the Swedish fishermen sold to Norwegian packers should be diverted to Sweden. The custom of selling a good share of their product over Christiansand, Nor- way, is a distinct loss to the Swedish mackerel industry, it is pointed out from Swedish sources. The subject of better organized sales methods is to be brought before various Scandina- vian fishing societies with the hope of at least a co-operation between the fishermen and packers. It is also re- ported that a new definite proposal is soon to be made from the Norway side. (Recent mackerel reports by Consul Jenkins appeared in issues for October 30 and November 8, 1913.)— N. S. Consular Report.

## SMALL STOCK AT ST. JOHN'S N. F.

The amount of dry codfish held in stock in St. John's at present is the smallest for many years at this sea- son, and it might be said, that there is none in the outports. As nearly as we can figure it, the entire stock now held here will not exceed two hun- dred thousand quintals, while the stock usually held at the beginning of the year varies from three hundred thousand to four hundred thousand quintals. The merchants can afford to go slow in marketing their goods, as five months must elapse at least, before any new fish will be available. —St. John's, N. F. Trade Review.

## Queer Fish Discovered

The Prince of Monaco's passion for oceanography has brought to light a specimen of a hitherto unknown spec- ies of fish which was found in the At- lantic at the depth of three and three- quarters miles. In honor of the reign- ing family of Monaco it has been called "grimaldichtys profundissimus." The depth at which it was found is several hundreds yards lower than the lowest depth hitherto explored, and tends to prove the existence of other unknown races and species of deep- sea monsters at depths which have never been sounded.

The grimaldichtys profundissimus is very heavy about the head, but the body diminishes rapidly in size toward the tail. It is covered with a peculiar form of scales embedded in the skin. The head is round and soft, with the appearance of having been flattened underneath, the eyes are extremely small but visible, and the teeth are numerous and small. The fish is very pale and almost without color, except for a greyish violet tinge in certain parts of the head and underneath the body. The inside of the mouth is a dark violet, almost black.

One of the important points of the discovery is to show that even the great depths of the sea are lighted by a feeble and diffuse light.

## SCH. NICHOLSON HAS HERRING

Only Arrival Here Today—  
Gill Netters Lifts  
Were Small.

The only arrival here this morning is sch. T. M. Nicholson, down from Boston after disposing of her New- foundland frozen herring fare. She has 550 barrels of pickled herring on board and 65,000 pounds salt cod.

Of the gill netters, only 13 steamers lifted yesterday, their total catches being small.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Quartette, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 125 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 750 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomaad, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Bay of Isl- ands, N. F., via Boston, 550 bbls. pick- led herring, 65,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, shore.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.

Sch. Volant, Georges.

Sch. Pauline, Georges.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.

Sch. Vanessa, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snap- pers, \$3.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums \$2.00; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$2.00.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50;

snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland frozen herring, 3 1-2c per lb.

Fresh halibut, 18c per lb for white and 14c for gray.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish—Our markets have begun to react, due to the improved demand and gradual reductions of supplies. Although sales of inferior stuff are still being made at very low figures, the fresh arrivals of superior quality find ready sale at full prices and on an average we quote our local market about as follows: Medium codfish, \$32 to \$32.50; large codfish, \$33 to \$33.50.

Pollock and Haddock—Demand is also improving for these descriptions, but as yet dealers show no interest above \$22 per cask.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

## FRANK WATTS DOES IT AGAIN

Hustling Skipper Brings  
Sch. Commonwealth Home  
With Another Big Catch.

Boston fish receipts continue light, five fares supplying the market this morning. The new sch. Common- wealth, Capt. Frank Watts, has a nice fare, hailing for 78,000 pounds of had- dock, cod and hake. Four shore ar- rivals have 22,000 pounds among them.

Opening prices were \$5.50 to \$6 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5.25 to \$7 for large and \$3 to \$3.50 for market cod, \$5.25 to \$6 for hake, \$3.90 to \$5 for pollock.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 3000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2300 hake.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 3000 had- dock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Actor, 7000 cod.

Sch. Commonwealth, 53,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Haddock \$5.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$5.25 to \$6; pollock, \$3.90 to \$5.

### Shipping Way Through.

Considerable quantities of fresh cod and haddock are being shipped from Nova Scotia clear through to the Pacific Coast.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Manhassett, Squanto and B. A. Smith arrived at Liverpool, Satur- day and cleared.

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# WILL TRY FOR A HOSPITAL SHIP

About a year ago the fishing interests of the Atlantic Coast, headed by leading men at Boston and Gloucester, petitioned Congress for an appropriation which should be used to construct and maintain a fisherman's hospital ship, such to cruise in the region of the Grand Banks. The bill was drawn up, but it never had a hearing at Washington.

A similar effort has been made this year, and a second bill has been submitted. Just when the bill will be given a hearing is impossible to say.

The advocates of a hospital ship for the fishing fleet figure that the right sort of vessel can be built and equipped for \$100,000, and that her upkeep will amount to \$30,000 a year. Both figures may be too small, but if they were doubled the expense would constitute no valid reason against the establishment of such service. It can easily be shown that the ship would undoubtedly save her annual cost, and the interest on the original investment, so far as the economics go.

The plan is, of course, to build a vessel that can keep the sea in any weather; to equip her with wireless and with every facility for effecting rescues at sea; and, first and foremost, to make her what she is to be called, a fully equipped hospital ship with facilities especially for handling the myriad minor casualties in a fisherman's life. France now has such a ship, and she does a great deal of work. Our own men resort to her often for treatment, though national pride must be abased by knowing that our country does not do as much for her fishermen as far-away France.—Fishing Gazette.

## Pensacola Arrivals.

Receipts of snapper and grouper docked at Pensacola during the week ending January 19, totalled nearly half a million pounds, which though below the averages of the past few weeks, is a very heavy catch. Arrivals in detail were as follows:

	Snapper.	Grouper.
Galatea	3,150	30
Caviare	26,380	5,555
Louise F. Harper	23,380	4,020
Halcyon	7,000	2,000
Emily Cooney	13,000	5,670
Lettie G. Howard	7,290	9,505
Hope	18,500	27,390
Osceola	17,850	5,550
Francis V. Silvia	18,130	12,790
Clara G. Silva	23,420	14,100
Wallace McDonald	5,000	1,000

Total ..... 163,090 78,690  
The total snapper and grouper catch for the week amounted to 231,770 pounds.

## Helps Somebody.

The removal of the United States tariff duty on fresh fish has had the effect largely of increasing the export from fishing centers on the Strait of Canso, and the freezers can hardly get fish enough to fill orders.—Fishing Gazette.

## Busy at the McGill Plant.

In a review of the ship-building industry of Shelburne, N. S., for 1913, the Canadian Fisherman says:

The Joseph McGill shipyard was kept fully occupied during the past year. The following vessels were completed during 1913:

Chesley Raymond, 108 tons, owned by S. Harris, Grand Bank, Newfoundland.

Ornate, 98 tons, owned by Jos. Conrad, La Have.

Ohio, 46 tons, owned by Roseway Fish Co., Shelburne, N. S.

Ella C. Hollett, 97 tons, owned by Hollett Bros., Burin, Newfoundland.

Susan E Inkpen, 113 tons, owned by Ephraim Inkpen, Burin, Newfoundland.

All the above fishing schooners, of thoroughly up-to-date lines and equipment. Another schooner of about 105 tons, is nearly completed, and will be launched early in January. She is for Thomas Shave, N. F. Other orders have already been booked for 1914, and the coming season promises to be a busy one.

The founder of the business, Joseph McGill died last August, and the industry is being carried on, along the same lines, under the management of Alfred D. Bruce, who has been connected with the firm for the past 24 years. The establishment is the most complete of its kind in the Maritime Provinces. Its steamplant comprises practically every kind of machinery used in building wooden vessels, and it has its own forge, galvanizing plant, etc., and imports Oregon Pine spars and booms direct from the Pacific coast.

# ROSE STANDISH WENT ASHORE

Sch. Rose Standish, another of the market fleet had a narrow escape from destruction while inward bound to Boston yesterday morning, running ashore on Castle Island in an effort to clear the sunken schooner Olive F. Hutchins. Several hours later she was pulled off by a tug and towed to port.

The Standish was almost on top of the Hutchins, when her lookout sighted the masts almost directly ahead. The wheel was thrown over, and while the Standish escaped striking the wreck, she brought up with a heavy jar close to the wharf on Castle Island.

Tug Joseph Ross went to her assistance and after pulling on her for some time succeeded in dragging her into deep water. The schooner is not leaking and it is believed the damage sustained is slight.

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## Salt Fish.

Under moderate supplies of codfish and a good consuming demand, the market is strong says the Fishing Gazette. Predictions of higher prices for dried salt fish are made by one or two members of the trade, but the general opinion seems to be that quotations are not likely to go higher, though on the other hand they will probably remain firm.

# ONE CRAFT DOWN FROM BOSTON

## One of Those Real Quiet Days Around Harbor This Morning.

Outside of the British sch. Original, down from Boston, not another vessel arrival was reported here up to noon today.

The gill netters lauded small trips yesterday, the total receipts being about 20,000 pounds.

## • Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Nomad, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Hugo, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Orion, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.
- Br. sch. Original, Boone Bay, N. F., via Boston, 164 barrels pickled herring, 50 half barrels pickled herring.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Russell, haddocking.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Adeline, haddocking.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.
- Sch. Lillian, Gulfport, Miss.

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- Newfoundland bulk salt herring \$3.50 per bbl.
- Newfoundland pickled herring \$4.50 per bbl.
- Newfoundland frozen herring 3 1-2c per lb.
- Fresh halibut, 18c per lb for white and 14c for gray.

# BIG STOCK FOR COMMONWEALTH

Sch. Commonwealth, Capt. F. Watts, at Boston yesterday from haddocking trip, stocked the firm of \$3500. The crew expect to be in the vicinity of \$100, clear to \$200.

# OFF-SHORE FARE WERE NEEDED

Sch. Clintonia at T. W. Today With 70,000 Pound Catch.

Boston fish receipts were a better in quantity this morning, offshores helping out materially addition to three trips landed by shore boats.

Sch. Clintonia has a 70,000 pound fare, the largest trip of the morning. Others in are schs. Imperator, Mary Curtis and Fannie E. Prescott. Opening prices were \$4 to \$4.50 hundred pounds for haddock, \$4.50 large and \$2.50 for market cod, \$5 for hake and \$4 for pollock.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Imperator, 26,000 haddock cod, 1500 hake, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Clintonia, 53,000 haddock cod, 1000 hake.
- Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 42,000 haddock cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 24,000 haddock cod, 9000 cod.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 6000 haddock cod, 11,000 cod.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 2000 haddock cod, 1000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cod.
- Sch. James and Esther, 3000 haddock cod, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.
- Haddock, \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt.; cod, \$4.75; market cod, \$2.50; hake to \$5; pollock, \$4.

## Harbor Notes.

British sch. Original is down from Boston and is discharging a cargo of pickled herring at the Brothers. Sch. T. M. Nicholson is discharging 550 barrels of pickled herring at Gloucester Salt Fish company.